

Telford and Wrekin Council Corporate Climate Change Plan (updated October 2023)

Action	Status	Comments	Lead Area	
1 Adaptation				
1.1	Create an Adaptation Plan to build resilience against current and future impacts due to climate change.	New Action	Climate Change & Sustainability	
2 Affordable Warmth				
2.1	Explore a group buying scheme for domestic solar PV and battery storage e.g. Solar Together or a local alternative.	In Progress	Currently exploring a variety of options.	Climate Change & Sustainability
2.2	Explore carbon reduction proposals for future NuPlace developments.	In Progress	Works ongoing on site as planned to include embodied carbon study.	Prosperity & Investment
2.3	Promotion of energy efficiency activities addressing fuel poverty for eligible residents through Telford Energy Advice (TEA).	In Progress	Ongoing. TEA available online and through telephone contact number.	Strategic Housing, Employment & Infrastructure
2.4	Develop support measures for residents most impacted by high energy rises but who fall outside the Government's definition of fuel poverty. This could include grants for renewable installations and insulation in conjunction with the Government's Great British Insulation Scheme.	New Action		Strategic Housing, Employment & Infrastructure
2.5	Procure a second round of energy efficient lightbulbs to support vulnerable residents and those in fuel poverty.	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability
2.6	Install fabric first energy efficiency measures through the Home Upgrade Grant (2) funding for eligible off-gas properties in the borough.	New Action		Strategic Housing, Employment & Infrastructure

2.7	To enforce the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards on non-compliant landlords. Ensuring all private rented properties meet the minimum EPC rating.	New Action		Strategic Housing, Employment & Infrastructure
3 Biodiversity & Carbon Sequestration				
3.1	Build on existing projects with community centres to remove hardstanding areas and replace with garden/green space.	In Progress	Will be undertaken as opportunities arise.	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services
3.2	Explore accreditation schemes for biodiversity offset e.g. Carbon Credits and the Woodland Carbon Code.	In Progress	Being developed through Biodiversity Net Gain work.	Prosperity & Investment
3.3	Developments to contribute towards the maintenance and/or extension of the borough's canopy cover (areas covered by trees) through various mechanisms to be defined through the Local Plan.	In Progress	Local Plan Review currently underway.	Prosperity & Investment
3.4	Community Forest – planting on Telford & Wrekin Council owned land. A tree will be planted for every child in reception class as part of the community forest vision.	In Progress	Initial meetings with schools underway.	Environment & Neighbourhood
3.5	Publication of a draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the borough. At a minimum the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy will set out proposals to enhance, restore or create up to: 15ha of heathland 30ha of species rich grassland, and 25ha of wetlands on land in the direct ownership of the council.	In Progress	LNRS progressing with partners.	Prosperity & Investment
3.6	Create and enforce a biodiversity net gain commitment for new developments such as trees and hedges.	New Action		Prosperity & Investment
3.7	Create and enforce green space requirements for new developments through development management.	New Action		Prosperity & Investment
4 Borough Resources/Waste				
4.1	Promote and, where able, support circular economy initiatives through the added value commitments within the Waste Services Contract.	New Action		Neighbourhood Services Contract

				Management and Performance
4.2	Reintroduce a food recycling service in council buildings with the potential to also engage schools.	In Progress	Being looked at as part of the accommodation review.	Neighbourhood Services Contract Management and Performance
5 Communications and Engagement				
5.1	Explore employee discount or salary sacrifice schemes to support employees with buying energy efficient purchases such as solar panels / battery installations.	In Progress	Ongoing, already includes EV leasing and other offers being investigated.	Organisational Development
5.2	Raise more awareness of climate change through events such as showcasing local food, stalls, speakers, activities and crafts etc.	In Progress	Ongoing through own activities such as partnership climate conference and supporting partner events.	Culture & Wellbeing Services
5.3	Develop and deliver an engagement programme for local schools, community groups, interest groups and residents to promote climate change and gauge ways to support/get involved with the Borough Partnership.	In Progress	Borough Climate Change Partnership event took place on 11 th October 2023.	Climate Change & Sustainability
5.4	Periodically hold a youth climate summit – as part of this promote and increase take-up of Eco-Schools programme.	In Progress	A second Youth Climate Summit is being planned for 2025.	Climate Change & Sustainability
5.5	Ensure that all employee benefits that would contribute to our carbon reduction and carbon offsetting targets are clearly identified in our employee benefits package.	In Progress	ValU platform is now in place – will include discounts for public transport and other initiatives.	Organisational Development

5.6	Continue to roll out climate change awareness across the council via Ollie and through management and leadership meetings.	In Progress	Ongoing. Ollie course "Climate Change: An Introduction" is now live. Next phase is to consider rolling out Carbon Literacy training.	Climate Change & Sustainability
6 Corporate Catering				
6.1	Explore school catering options with the aim to make council-run catering services low-carbon.	In Progress	Being reviewed with the support of Environment Scrutiny.	Catering Group
7 Corporate Estate				
7.1	Identify and deliver one community or publicly owned renewable energy project (e.g. new solar farm, solar streets, mine water district heating).	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability
7.2	Wellington Leisure Centre refurbishment. Consultants commissioned to identify a range of energy efficiency measures with a view to submitting a bid to Salix 3c in October 2023.	In Progress	Bid being prepared.	BIT
7.3	Implement new power settings and usage controls on laptops, monitors and printers to reduce energy usage when not in use.	In Progress	Printer reduction is part of a new contract and laptops are part of a Lenovo zero carbon initiative.	Information and Digital Technology (IDT)
7.4	Explore new opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the council's Property Investment Portfolio (PIP).	In Progress	Discussions taking place re feasibility across the portfolio.	Regeneration and Investment
7.5	As part of the wider Levelling Up Fund-funded project to install LED lighting, solar panels, air source heat pump and upgraded thermal fabric to Telford Theatre, subject to survey.	New Action		BIT
7.6	Ercall Wood School (extension) to include LED lighting solar PV and upgraded thermal fabric.	New Action		BIT

7.7	Oakengates Leisure Centre Thermal upgrade to Fitness Suit and pool refurbishment including air source heat pump, upgrade thermal fabric etc.	New Action		bIT
7.8	Lawley School (extension) to include LED lighting Solar PV and upgraded thermal fabric.	New Action		bIT
7.9	Installation of Solar PV and electric vehicle charging points and battery storage at Horsehay Village Golf Course.	New Action		bIT
8 Performance and monitoring				
8.1	Reduce carbon footprint of the Council by 70% from 2019 baseline by end of administration (currently 60%).	New Action		All
8.2	Investigate the inclusion of additional Scope 3 emissions in the Council's baseline. This could be extended to include areas such as indirect emissions created by goods / services procured by the Council and those emissions as a result of waste generated.	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability
8.3	Annually report on greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ e) of the Council's estate and services internally and publicly via corporate website.	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability
8.4	Use the corporate greenhouse gas data to map future pathways for reduction in emissions.	In Progress	Ongoing and reported through annual progress report.	Climate Change & Sustainability
8.5	Reinstate a Council cross-working group (on hold since Covid) to help support the ongoing review and monitoring of the plan.	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability
9 Highways & Transport				
9.1	Install charging points for electric vehicles at Darby House.	In Progress	In process of being delivered.	bIT

9.2	Develop and implement a Corporate Travel Plan minimising car travel for staff commuting and between offices.	In Progress	Review underway	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.3	Deliver the Councils electric vehicle strategy including the installation of 140 EV charging points through external funding.	In Progress	Contracts currently being agreed.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.4	Procurement of a multi partner electric vehicle framework and deployment across car parks in Telford and Wrekin – not limited to Telford & Wrekin Council ownership.	In Progress	Business case currently being developed.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.5	Review the Council's Fleet Services to ensure optimum efficiency and carbon reductions.	In Progress	Improved telematics now in place to allow monitoring and reporting of fleet use.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.6	Improvements to bus and rail services through the development of the Local Transport Plan.	In Progress	LTP is currently being reviewed. A variety of bus and rail initiatives have already been delivered.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management

9.7	Improvements to cycling and walking routes as well as a review of the Local Transport Plan to include a new Walking and Cycling Strategy.	In Progress	Silkin Way first phase completed. £1.9 million awarded through the Active Travel Fund for a flagship walking and cycling route between Oakengates and Telford Town Centre.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.8	Explore the provision of a 100% renewable fast charging electric vehicle forecourt.	In Progress	Work ongoing with suppliers and NGED on power connections.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.9	Explore initiating a public e-bike hire scheme for the Borough: subject to market interest implement a cycle hire scheme with a company, on a trial basis.	In Progress	Bike Hub activities continued and expanding.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
9.10	Identify where natural flood management approaches and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can be used to increase carbon sequestration.	In Progress	This forms part of the Local Plan Review currently underway.	Neighbourhood and Enforcement Services
9.11	Explore public car share schemes for residents such as Co Wheels Car Club.	New Action		Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management

10 Investment and Business				
10.1	Introduce training and skills provision for industrial decarbonisation - including carbon literacy training, engagement with providers and specific apprenticeship schemes including the Retrofit Academy.	In Progress	A range of initiatives being explored.	Inward Investment and Business Support
10.2	Support the ongoing rollout of the Marches Energy Grant.	New Action		Inward Investment and Business Support
10.3	Support for the Telford Sustainability and Energy Cluster.	New Action		Inward Investment and Business Support
10.4	Commission a Telford and Wrekin Economic Development Strategy to include moving towards a low carbon economy.	New Action		Inward Investment and Business Support
11 Planning Policy				
11.1	Use the review of the Local Plan to develop robust policy that supports and promotes a move to carbon neutrality. This includes consideration of how development will need to adapt to the impacts of climate change and promotes opportunities to maximise carbon sequestration in the future.	In Progress	Local Plan Review currently underway	Strategic Planning
12 Plastic Free				
12.1	Review single-use plastic used in the Council's procurement processes.	New Action		Place Based Commissioning, Procurement & Brokerage
12.2	Achieve plastic free accreditation for the borough by end 2024 (potentially first local authority to do so).	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability

12.3	Install an outdoor water dispenser in Southwater and review usage to assess costs and benefits of installing additional dispensers in key outdoor locations e.g., Town Park/Ironbridge/T50 walking route.	In Progress		biT
12.4	Car tyres are a major source of ocean microplastics – promote via internal communications how Fleet Services and staff can help to reduce vehicle tyre plastic pollution.	In Progress	Will be rolled out as part of wider communications	Climate Change and Sustainability
12.5	Review single-use plastic used in our Care sector: first aid / medical equipment, disposable aprons, vinyl/latex gloves are not widely recyclable – research and replace with sustainable alternatives where possible.	In Progress	Will feed into 12.6 below	Adult Social Care
12.6	Cross cutting working group (see 8.5) to also co-ordinate a Council wide audit of plastic use during 2024 with a view of identifying suitable alternatives. (Also supports 12.1).	New Action		Climate Change & Sustainability